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In re application of :
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CATALYSTS CONSISTING OF METALS
ON HYDROTALCITE-BASED CARRIER
MATERIALS, AND METHOD FOR THE
PREPARATION THEREOF

[Corresponding to PCT/NO99/00403
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title of the invention, please insert:

--This application is a 371 application of PCT/NO99/00403 filed December 22, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims as follows:

4. (Amended) The catalyst of claim 1 or 2, wherein M^{2+} is Mg.

5. (Amended) The catalyst of claim 1 or 2, wherein M^{3+} is Al.

6. (Amended) The catalyst of claim 1 or 2, wherein M^{3+} is further Ga.